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Sebastian County Judge
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Executive Report

December 15, 2020

Quorum Court Meeting

Solar Project Update

The utility companies, SWEPCO and OG&E for the two project sites are completing their utility impact study, which we anticipate will be completed by mid-January. Site work is being implemented based on required environmental reports, engineering and topographical surveys and required fill work.

Upon completion of required geo-technical reports and surveys completion of site work will be expedited. Solar modular equipment is scheduled for delivery in December. Based upon the completion of required reports as mentioned above we anticipate both sites will be completed by April 2021.

Western Arkansas Intermodal Authority Update:

Contractors hired through the Economic Development Administration grant are actively completing environmental and permitting tasks and preliminary design work is in process for the intermodal site. The contractors are working with the Corp of Engineers and taking first looks at the project area, with onsite review. All property owners have been notified and authorized environmental work review of their property. Phase 1 of the environmental work will be wrapped up by mid-January 2021. The engineering team is in data gathering, reviewing topographic, aerial and geotechnical aspects. Sal Latrico with American Patriot Holdings is continuing due diligence efforts focusing on market competitive analysis to validate the projects competitive advantage. Work is in process on financing and meetings continue with major Business Customer Operators and securing Letters of Intent. American Patriot Holdings is in contact with major ocean carriers to discuss the project and level of interest.

Implementation of County Ordinance 2020-14 Converting Four Fire Departments to Fire Protection Districts

The fire protection district public meeting was held Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenwood School District Performing Arts Center. The public meeting was to elect five fire district Board of Commissioners for each of the four fire districts. Attached is a list of the five Commissioners elected for each of the four fire protection districts [see enclosure].

Each Board of Commissioners appointed three assessors to review and determine the levy to be approved by the Commissioners. Upon completion of this activity the fire levy is to be submitted as approved by the Board to the County Assessor's Office for the 2021 tax book to be included on the real estate tax statements for residents in each of the four fire protection districts. Levies submitted as of 12/15/2020 are \$50.00 residential and business for Greenwood Rural, \$40.00 for residential for Big Creek, \$80.00 for business for Big Creek, \$35.00 residential and business for Milltown/Washburn and \$25.00 residential and business for Riverdale. See attached meeting minutes for each fire district or levy re-cap.

Coronavirus Relief Fund

\$2.1 million has been received by the County on 12/14,2020, held in the Coronavirus relief fund as established by Ordinance 2020-18.

Fire District's Board of Commissioners

Big Creek

1. William C. Warren, Jr 6314 East Cook Road Charleston, AR 72933
2. Harry Torres 2710 South Highway 255 Lavaca, AR 72941
3. Toby Beavers 1808 North Davis Lavaca, AR 72941
4. Ali Rashidi 400 Wilburn Heights Lavaca, AR 72941
5. Jacob Shotzman 5906 Pear Orchard Road Charleston, AR 72933

Greenwood Rural

1. Jim Brown 600 Bonnie Bell Lane Greenwood, AR 72936, 479-461-1175
jimb@farmer.com
2. Gerald Thomas PO Box 265 Greenwood, AR 72936, 479-414-9301, 479-996-4604
gthomasgw@centurytel.net
3. David Ozuna 1221 Hendrix Circle Greenwood, AR 72936, 808-629-9437
davidOzuna126@gmail.com
4. Larry Rogers 2316 Old Hardscrabble Road Greenwood, AR 72936, 479-461-2911
w5usa71@gmail.com
5. Jody Morgan 4709 Pine Mountain Road Huntington, AR 72940, 479-353-2217
jodym@arkola.com

Milltown/Washburn

1. Paul King 4911 Echo Road Huntington, AR 72940, pkfarm10@gmail.com
2. Phil Hicks 5805 Asa Craig Road Greenwood, AR 72936,
philahicks@yahoo.com
3. Hunter Wiley 6136 Asa Craig Road Greenwood, AR 72936,
swiley1218@gmail.com
4. James Rogers 2117 McCartney Camp Road Greenwood, AR 72936,
Jrogers5351@yahoo.com
5. Gary Cumbie 9524 East Hwy 10 Greenwood, AR 72936,
Cumbie@centurytel.net

Riverdale

1. Johnny Hobbs 5514 Shaver Road Lavaca, AR 72941
2. Tommy Smothers 5800 Shaver Road Lavaca, AR 72941
3. Bobby White 8809 North Hwy 252 Lavaca, AR 72941
4. John May II 5700 Shaver Road Lavaca, AR 72941
5. James Corbell 9611 North Hwy 252 Lavaca, AR 72941

**BIG CREEK FIRE DEPARTMENT
311 WEST UTAH RANCH ROAD
LAVACA, AR 72941**

December 14, 2020

Judge David Hudson
Sebastian County Quorum Court
35 South 6th, Room 106

Fort Smith, AR 72901

RE: Documentation of the Fire Levy for Big Creek Fire Department

Dear Judge Hudson:

The Board of Commissioners for Big Creek Fire Department ("BCFD") appointed the following individuals as assessors for the purpose of determining the levy to be collected by Sebastian County on real estate tax statements within our district:

William C. Warren, Jr.	6314 E. Cook Road	Charleston, AR 72933
Harry Torres	2710 S. Highway 255	Lavaca, AR 72941
Toby Beavers	1808 N. Davis	Lavaca, AR 72941

We used the services of Katie Ballie, Consultant to review the location and nature of the real estate parcels within our district. Her telephone number is 870-867-7559 and her email address is katie.ballie@yahoo.com. Fire Chief Tommy Noel has already provided your office with a flash drive containing her report.

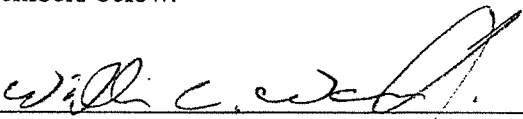
The Assessors met and reviewed the information provided by the County at the December 1, 2020 meeting, the annual expenses and revenues of BCFD for the last 5 years and the report provided by Ms. Ballie.

BDFD has 3 main sources of revenue, our membership dues, county sales tax and Act 833 money. We use the county sales tax money to cover major expenses, such as vehicle purchases and building expansion. We depend on membership dues and the Act 833 to fund our day-to-day operations. Over the past 5 years our expenses have averaged \$68,005.40 a year and our Act 833 revenue has averaged \$8,262.70.

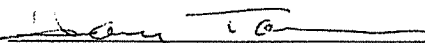
Per the data provided to the Quorum Court by your office on December 1, 2020 BCFD has 1,415 residential structures and 44 commercial structures. The report provided by Ms. Ballie showed 1,304 residential structures, 28 commercial parcels and 501 vacant tracts that were not tied to lands with structures. We believe that Ms. Ballie's report to be an accurate assessment of our properties therefore we used her numbers.

By setting our levy for residential structures and vacant tracts at \$40.00 and businesses at \$80.00 we would generate \$74,460.00 per year, less the 3% County Commission for a net of \$72,226.60. The estimated total collected from levies (\$72,226.60) added to our average Act 833 (\$8,262.70) gives us a total operating budget of \$80,488.90 which is sufficient to cover our average yearly expenses of \$68,005.40 and give us a cushion to cover unforeseen expenses. It should be noted that the average yearly expenses do not include depreciation on vehicles and equipment, so it is probably a low estimate of actual expenses. Due to the minimal amount of timber acreage and the difficulty of determining the acreage per owner we set the assessment for timber lands at \$0.00 per acre.

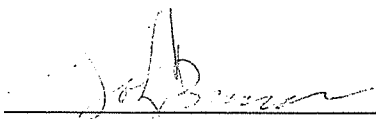
The above information was presented to the full Board of Commissioners at a meeting on December 14, 2020 and was approved unanimously as shown by the signatures of the Board members below.



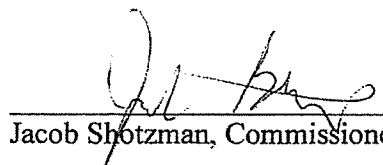
William C Warren, Jr., Commissioner



Harry Torres, Commissioner



Toby Beavers, Commissioner

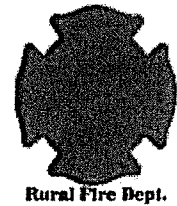


Jacob Shatzman, Commissioner



Ali Rashidi, Commissioner

Milltown/Washburn FPD
6573 E. Hwy 252
P.O. Box 1344
Greenwood, AR 72936



Date: December 1, 2020

Meeting with Milltown/Washburn FPD newly appointed Board of Commissioners

Items discussed at the MWFPD meeting of commissioners on December 1, 2020.

Approval of nominated commissioners for the Milltown/Washburn FPD by eligible representatives of the District.

Sebastian County Judge Hudson asked the representatives of the MWFPD present to vote to approve the nominees for District Commissioners. The representatives present voted unanimously to approve Paul King, Phil Hicks, Hunter Wiley, James Rogers, and Gary Cumbie as commissioners for the current term, to continue until a vacancy occurs.

Milltown/Washburn Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners:

Paul King 4911 Echo Rd. Huntington, AR. 72940

Phil Hicks 5805 Asa Craig Rd. Greenwood, AR. 72936

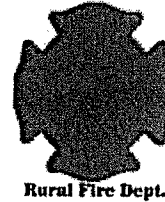
Hunter Wiley 6136 Asa Craig Rd. Greenwood, AR. 72936

James Rogers 2107 McCartney Camp Road Greenwood, AR. 72936

Gary Cumbie 9524 East Hwy 10 Greenwood, AR. 72936

- Reviewed bylaws to approve.
Gary Cumbie made a motion to approve bylaws as written, Phil Hicks seconded the motion. Discussion as asked for and there was none. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the motion.
- Appointment of required Assessors.
The commissioners unanimously appointed the following to serve as the District's Assessors for the current term and continue until there is a vacancy: William Morris, Steve Wiley, Dennis Williamson II.

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- Approval of District Officers.

The commissioners were presented with a list of the current Fire Department Officers of which they unanimously voted to retain as Fire Protection District Officers in their current roles. These officers are:

Fire Chief	Kevin Williamson
Asst. Fire Chief	Steve Wiley
Safety Officer	Jordan Wiley
Treasurer	Dennis Williamson
Secretary	Patty Williamson

- Determination of levy on properties within the MWFPD.

Assessors determined the rate of levy on property in the District after review of the current resident listing. The following assessments were presented:

- \$35 per physical resident.
- .0 cents per wooded acre.

Paul King made a motion to accept and approve these assessment values for the District and Hunter Wiley seconded. Discussion was asked for and there was none. The commissioners unanimously voted to approve the motion.

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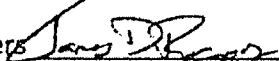
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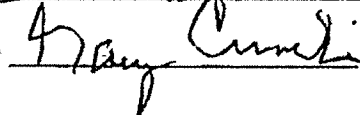
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Phil Hicks  Date Signed 12/6/20

Paul King  Date Signed 12/6/20

Hunter Wiley  Date Signed 12-6-20

James Rogers  Date Signed 12-6-2020

Gary Cumbie  Date Signed 12-6-20

Riverdale Fire District Board of Commissioners

The Riverdale Fire District Board met December 1, 2020 and A motion was made by Tommy Smothers and second was by Bobby White to appoint the following as the Assessors for Riverdale Fire Department district:

Johnny Hobbs

5514 Shaver Road

Lavaca, AR 72941

James Corbell

9611 Hwy 252 N

Lavaca, AR 72941

Jonathan Corbell

10005 Hwy 252 N

Lavaca, AR 72941

We the Board of Commissioners do ratify the selected individuals as our Assessors for the Riverdale Fire Department.

Johnny Hobbs: Johnny Hobbs

Tommy Smothers: Tommy Smothers

Bobby White: Bobby White

John May II: John May II

James Corbell: James Corbell

Riverdale Fire District Board of Commissioners

We the Assessors for the Riverdale Fire District have completed our appraisal of properties in the Riverdale Rural Fire District and have agreed that there will be:

- no fee (0%) charged on wooded land,
- There will be a \$25.00 fee for each residential parcel
- only one \$25.00 fee for multiple pieces of nonresidential property owned under same name.
- a \$25.00 fee for each business or commercial structure in our district.

Each parcel has been recorded with documentation from an outside source used by Riverdale Fire District to tabulate all parcels in our district that shall receive a fee for fire protection.

Motion made by James Corbell to accept and approve proposed assessment values for Riverdale Fire District, second by Jonathan Corbell. Vote was Unanimous.

James Corbell: James Corbell Date Signed: 12/15/20

Johnny Hobbs: Johnny Hobbs Date Signed: 12/15/20

Jonathan Corbell: Jonathan Corbell Date Signed: 12-15-20

11.13.2020
Revised 12.4.20

Greenwood Rural Fire Department Parcel Overview		
Parcel Type	# of Parcels	Dues
Residential	766	\$40,550
Residential w/multiple	54	
Vacant Parcels	431	\$15,813.48
Vacant (charge)	408	
Vacant (no charge, exempt)	23	
Commercial Parcels	16	\$600
Commercial (charge)	11	
Commercial (no charge, exempt)	5	
No match/no charge	4	\$0
Totals	1,217	\$56,963.48